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Rural leaders graduate

Thirty-five of the thirty-nine outstanding citizens from rural north-eastern North Carolina selected to participate in the North Carolina Rural Leaders Program were recently awarded their diplomas by Elizabeth City State University Chancellor Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins.

The speaker for the occasion was Valeria Lee, program officer for the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem.

"As a result of your taking this step to betterment of your communities, you are now building on your own beings...moving from just a vision to action and being about economic development in this region," Ms. Lee told the graduates.

She went on to say to them that there is a need for creativity in their roles as community leaders. A need for creative ways to implement the strategies that the program participants had learned through the Leadership Program. She further challenged the participants to "see what can be built with what is in the communities instead of focusing on limitations, think about the possibilities."

Ms. Lee asked the graduates to, "Visualize a better world. Visualize the world you want to live in. Remember, if you can visualize it, you can do it. Don't just visualize it, but do it."

She told them courage is essential in this new state of being to "go after corporations that are polluting our streams; to go after complacent politicians; to go after fathers that are not taking care of their children; and to get people to vote. Courage will be needed to go after racism and sexism. But, it builds character. Remember, as the author and poet Maya Angelou says 'without courage you cannot practice any other virtue.'

"You are the leaders that you have been waiting for, make your vision for a better world a reality." She asked them to look to what could be done with what is in North-eastern North Carolina for North-eastern North Carolina can be a model for change in economic development in other parts of the state and the nation."

Graduating from Perquimans were Willie Ann Bines, Hertford, clerk, Albemarle Electric; Fondella Leigh, Hertford, acting-secretary, NAACP; Carlton A. Davenport, Jr., Hertford, vice president-engineering, Quible & Associates; Chris Kornegay, Hertford, director, Hertford Housing Authority; Shirley Yates, Winfall, councilwoman, Town of Winfall; and Brenda Hollowell, Hertford, Perquimans County Schools.

The aim of the North Carolina Rural Leaders Program was to provide the participants from the eight rural counties (1) with an opportunity to gain expertise in rural economic development, (2) to develop their own leadership skills, and (3) to build local support for economic improvements in their communities. From comments from the participants, the instructors, the mentors, and the teams leaders the program's goals were met and the program a huge success.

The program was co-sponsored by the Elizabeth City State University Center for Rural and Coastal Living, the N.C. Rural Economic Development Center and East Carolina University Regional Development Institute.

The program was made possible through funding from The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center and a special grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem.

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Jaycees sponsor fun 4th of July

Perquimans County residents enjoyed a fun 4th of July in Missing Mill Park courtesy of the Perquimans County Jaycees.

The day of fun, fellowship and food offered something for everyone.

The annual pie-in-the-face auction raised \$544 for the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center and Boys and Girls Homes in Lake Waccamaw. Auctioneer John Long cajoled the crowd into bidding higher and higher for the opportunity to "cream" the good sports who agreed to help the Jaycees raise money for the worthwhile charities.

County manager Paul Gregory, sheriff Joe Lothian, Hertford mayor Bill Cox, Jaycee president Chris Peckham, Perquimans Weekly editor Susan Harris, Hertford fire

chief Edgar Roberson, marine fisheries officer Glenn Gibbs, Spanish teacher Sadot Mendez, and others who agreed to help out at the last minute took pies.

The J.H. London Gospel Singers kicked off the traditional county-wide church service with several rousing gospel numbers. This was followed by an inspirational, patriotic message by the Rev. Joseph Fiegler of New Hope United Methodist Church. After the message, the Bobby Jones family from New Hope sang several religious favorites.

Unplanned, but well-received, was a music and sing-a-long time. Susan Harris played the piano, and Sara Winslow, Lynn Lassiter and Elmer Lassiter sang several numbers. Those gathered also sang along.

4th fun

Just for Kids 1-99 characters danced in the park during the Jaycee-sponsored 4th of July festivities. At left, sheriff Joe Lothian points his finger in warning to the person who put a pie in his face, while Chris Peckham finds Joe's predicament amusing. Over \$500 was raised to be divided equally between Girls and Boys Homes of North Carolina and the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center through the pie auction which landed the pies in Lothian's face, as well as the faces of other community volunteers. Other 4th activities included singing, children's games, food, and of course, the fireworks.

Just for Kids 1-99 delighted children of all ages with their professional costumes, spirited music and dancing. Children danced with the characters, laughing all the while.

Other activities of the day included an antique car show and the dunking booth. Children enjoyed playing a host of games from egg toss to relay races.

A beautiful fireworks show climaxed the independence celebration, which were highlighted by applause and appreciative comments from the crowd.

Although the turnout was not as good as the Jaycees had hoped, co-chairman Sara Winslow said that the day was successful.

The 4th of July festivities in the park are sponsored each year by the Jaycees.

Winfall employs officer

There's a new face in Perquimans County law enforcement this month.

Dale Vanscoy assumed the position of police chief in Winfall as of July 1.

"I love it down here," said the former employee of the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Department.

Vanscoy is spending his time at present trying to get to know the people in Winfall.

"I'm just popping in and being visible right now, letting everybody know that I'm around," he said.

From his talks with other county law enforcement personnel, Vanscoy believes that the drug traffic in the area will probably be his major concern.

He spoke enthusiastically of his reception by Winfall mayor Bill Bartlett, the Winfall Town Council, Hertford Police chief Aubrey Sample and sheriff Joe Lothian.

"They have helped me out 100 percent," he said.

Vanscoy plans to become a part of the joint effort by the Hertford

Police and Perquimans County Sheriff's Department to eradicate the drug traffic and other crime in the county.

In an area the size of Perquimans, Vanscoy agrees with the present cooperational operating procedure of law enforcement officials. He said he feels the same way as Sample and Lothian, that more can be accomplished if everyone works together when the need arises.

Vanscoy is working a rotating shift at present. He works some nights, some days, some split shifts.

"As far back as I can remember, I've always been interested in law enforcement," said the 13-plus-year veteran of law enforcement.

Vanscoy began his career in the Military Police, then moved to the Virginia Beach Police Department and Virginia Beach Sheriff's Department before opting to seek employment in Winfall.

Virginia Beach was too hectic, Vanscoy said, and he chose to move his wife and children to an area



Photo by Susan Harris

New Winfall police chief Dale Vanscoy reported for duty on July 1.

that was slower in pace.

Although they are not officially residents of Perquimans County, Vanscoy said his wife, Robin, and children Heather, 9, and Jason, 8, are very excited about moving to Winfall. As soon as their Virginia Beach home is sold, Vanscoy said

the family will pack up and move.

Vanscoy is very positive about his new position.

"Things'll come. They'll come slow. It'll work out," he said.

"As for now, he said with a smile, 'I enjoy it over there (in Winfall). I really do.'"

Littering: town council seeks answer

By NANCY ROYDEN-CLARK
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HERTFORD — Town Council members in Hertford said Monday night that they are tired of residents who litter and clutter the town. Not only did they discuss political signs that are in need of being removed, they talked about how trash was unsightly in general.

As soon as the town finishes drafting a letter to the citizens, about 800 townspeople will be receiving correspondence asking them to keep the town clean.

"People ought to have the courtesy to take them (political signs) down," said Councilman Billy Winslow.

Along with the discussion of political signs, the subject of junk cars was addressed.

Council members said that some cars could not be required to move from plain view because, according to police chief Aubrey Sample, many of the cars in question have current license plates.

Winslow then addressed situations where people renovate or clean out houses, leaving the debris where everyone can see it.

"I have no objections to remodeling, I just hate to see our town in the shape it is on the weekends. Workers (of the town) are doing well, citizens have to cooperate," Winslow said.

Councilman T. Erie Haste requested that people who know they are going to have a large volume of trash should notify the town, possibly so clean-up efforts can be coordinated between the citizen and the town.

In other business:

- The Hertford Police Department will be presenting a general report to the council quarterly instead of monthly. However, certain reports will have to be turned in monthly.
- Council voted to support a resolution from the Hertford Housing Authority concerning new, public rental housing. The resolution states that the need for public housing is not being met by private enterprise.
- Mayor Bill Cox said he would investigate recycling and its implications, possibly a joint effort with the whole county.
- Jean Winslow donated two Christmas light photographs to the town.
- Council members voted to donate \$100 to the Perquimans County Restoration Society.
- Roads in need of repair will be getting a closer look soon, as Powell Funds for roads will become available in October. Council members plan to gather lists with specific road names.

Winfall changes zoning in areas

From Staff reports

With the advice of six members of the planning and zoning board in Winfall, town council members voted Monday night to change the zoning of a portion of the town from R-2 to R-1, ending the placement of new mobile homes in the section.

The new zoning will take place from Bembury Rd., through Main St., to the bridge near the new softball fields.

In other action, a new fee will in effect as of Tuesday for zoning amendments.

The fee, \$100 is being assessed to defray the cost of advertising in newspapers and administrative costs that are incurred during the process of amendments.

Another consideration council members discussed was space for the new, full-time police chief, Dale Vanscoy, and the possibility of adding a bay for the fire department van.

No action was taken concerning either item during the meeting.

In other business:

- The town is in the process of ordering stickers and tags for residents' vehicles. Town Attorney Janice McKenzie Cole plans to check to see where the stickers should be placed on the vehicles for uniformity before the new shipment arrives.